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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. After 28 September 1954, the northern section of the kaserne in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (1602) was again occupied by a tank unit which numbered 500 to 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 29 and 30 September, approximately 20 tanks (presumably JS III) were seen in front of the tank garages. In addition, about 20 trucks and five steaming field kitchens were in the yard. An AAA unit of about 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with 76.2-mm and 85-mm AA guns was still stationed in the southern section of the kaserne. Truck was parked in the yard. Motor vehicles seen in traffic in town

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2. Between 24 and 30 September, the kaserne (1601) in Meissen Zaschendorf was still occupied by a rocket launcher unit in the strength of about 700 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with M-13 rocket launchers and by a signal unit in the strength of 500 to 600 men who wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Motor vehicle were identified.

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1. Comment. According to reports of the preceding years by other sources, there is no doubt that the northern section of the Bohnitzsch Kaserne quarters a medium tank regiment which was at Koenigsbrueck during the summer months. The present source and other information which has been obtained since late 1953 indicates that the southern section quarters an AAA regiment. It has not yet been determined that the two regiments belong to the 9th Tank Div or 11th Gds Tank Div. It is believed that the units are components of the 11th Gds Tank Div. Motor vehicle in the present report support this assumption.

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2. Comment. This occupation strength has been reported by the same source since early 1954. Confirmatory information of 1953 by two other sources indicated that the northern section of the kaserne quarters a rocket launcher regiment, the U/i Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army. From January to May 1954, the signal unit was reported to have had a strength of 250 men and, after that date, 600 men. No confirmation is available. The unit may be the U/i Sig Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army or the 153d Gds Sig Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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